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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

3:30 p.m., Fox Community Center

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen (Chair), Mr. Gregory Leonardos, Mr. Mark Fingerle

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, (Director of Public Health)

I. Minutes of January 8, 2003 meeting accepted as written

II. Christine Connolly updated Board members on the state of the budget for the Town and what that means for the Board of Health. Cuts in town funding to the Board of Health include elimination of the Secretarial position, Animal Inspector as well as thousands in program funding. The Board of Health Office will also be moving to the Council on Aging building on Maple Street because the Fox Community Center will be closing.

III. HEARING: Variance Request: Christine Connolly introduced Michael Landry to the Board. Mr. Landry presented his request for a variance from **Arlington Board of Health Massage Therapy, Bodywork and Energywork Regulations**. Mr. Landry asked that he be granted a temporary Massage Therapy permit with his 200 hours of practice. As specified under the Arlington Rules and Regulations, 500 hours are required of all practitioners in the Town of Arlington. The variance was unanimously denied because of failure to meet required number of hours of practice.

IV. Christine Connolly presented information regarding the request made by the Department of Environmental Protection to enact mercury disposal regulations. Ms. Connolly stated that she will ask a consultant from the DEP to be present at the next meeting to answer questions regarding mercury disposal specifics. In addition, draft regulations will be presented at the next meeting.

V. Christine Connolly presented 2003 totals for all communicable diseases. There were no abnormal levels of reported diseases

VII. Next Meeting Wednesday, April 23, 2003 at 9:00am